Causes and Consequences of Arctic Greening

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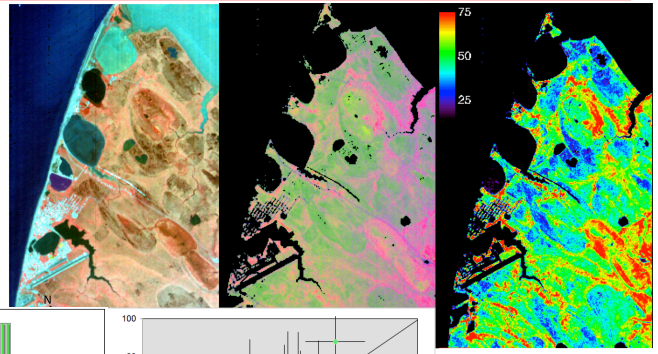
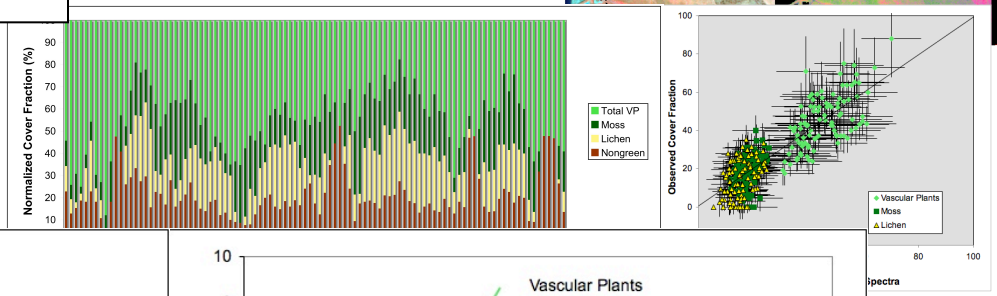
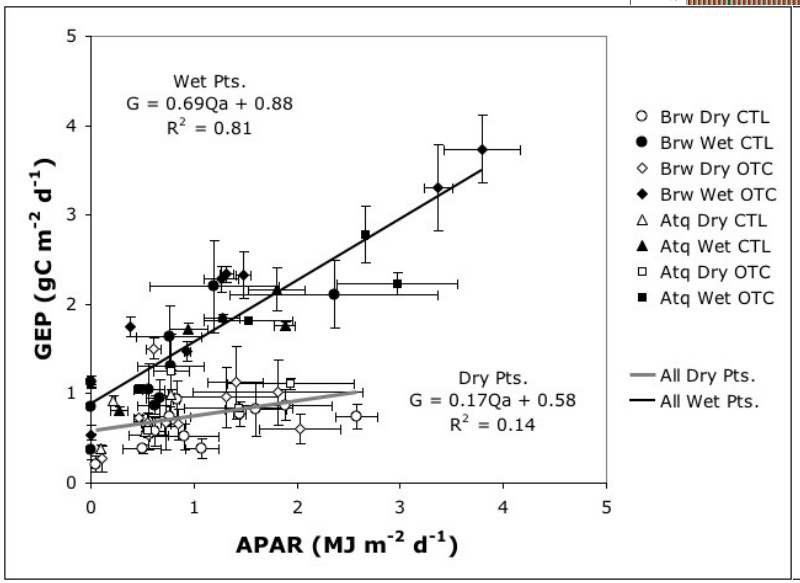
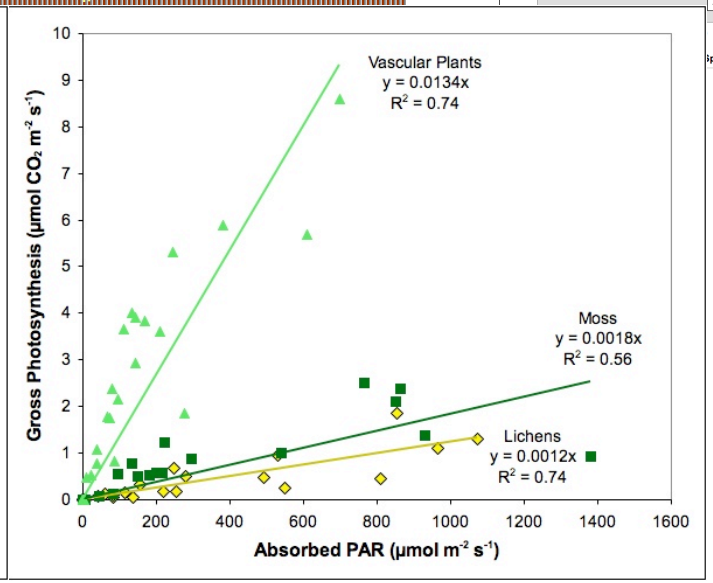
Plot level studies show differences in photosynthetic light use efficiency









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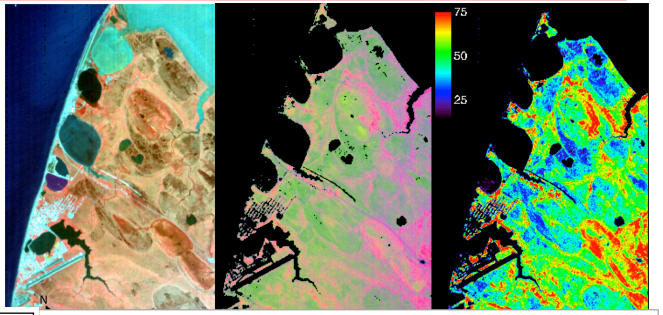
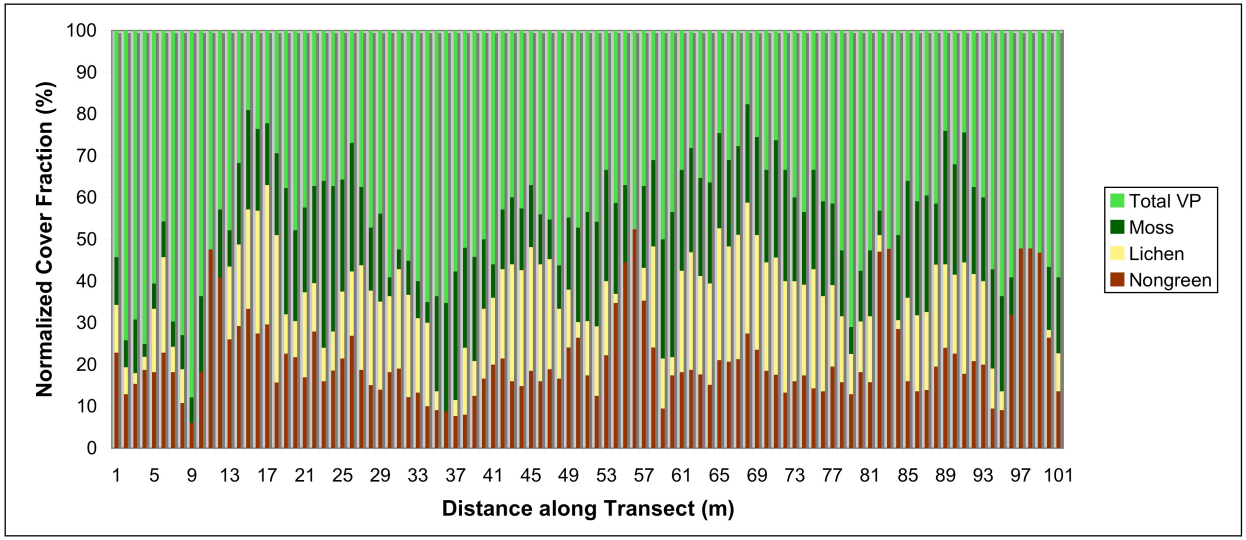
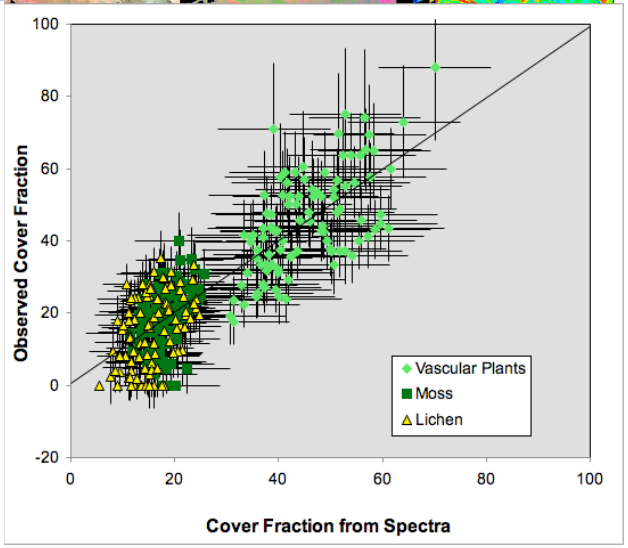
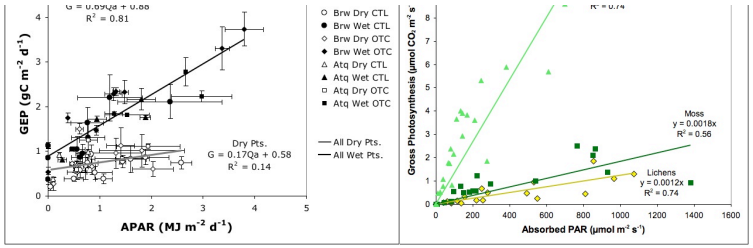
Spectral unmixing can determine cover fractions of tundra plant functional types









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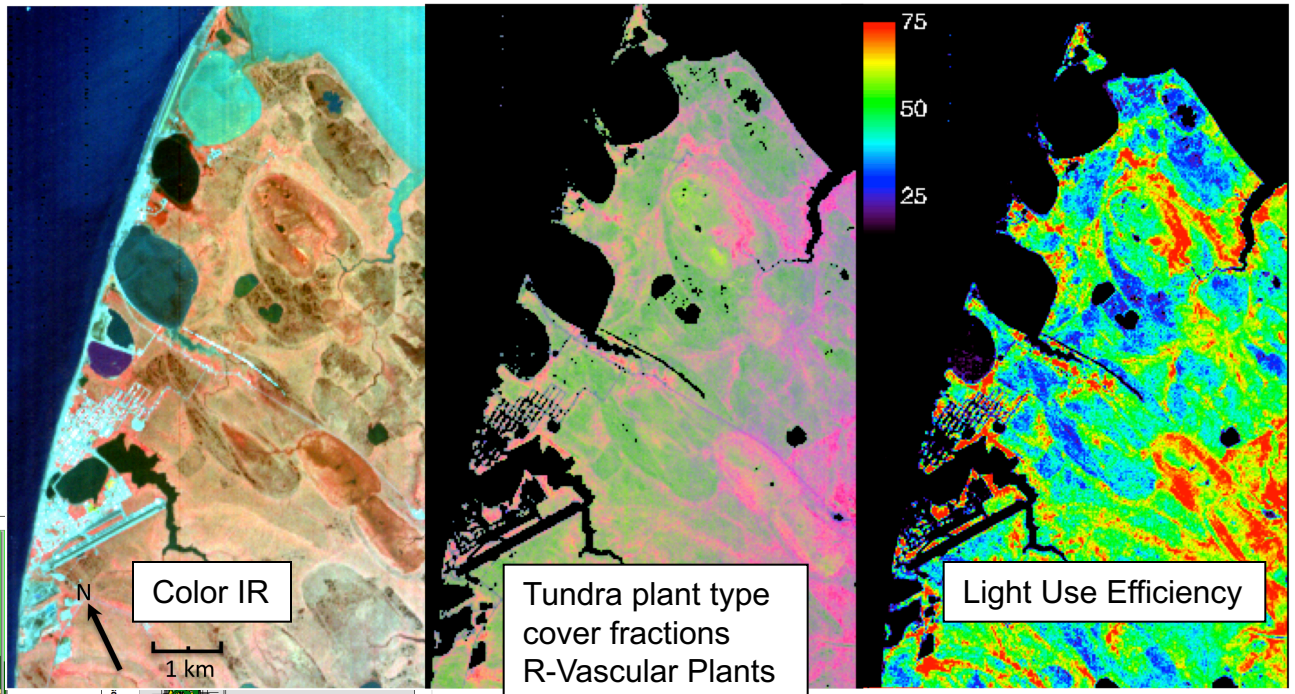
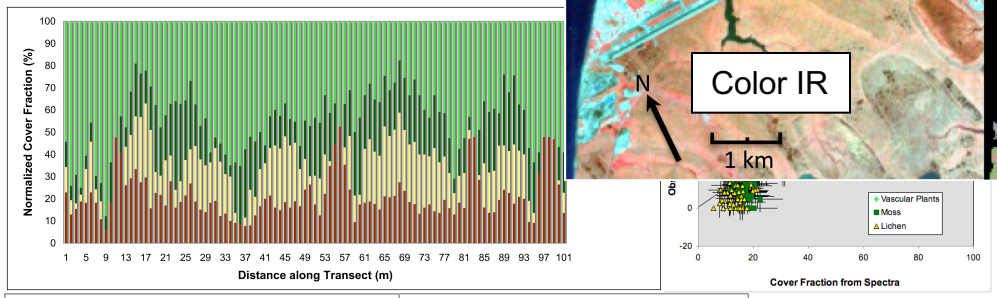
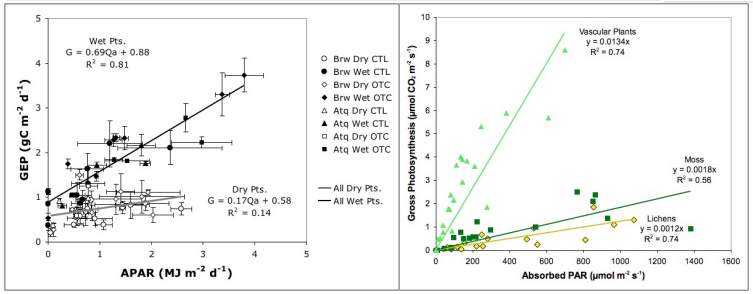
Algorithms are applied to spectral imagery describing spatial patterns of cover fractions and LUE







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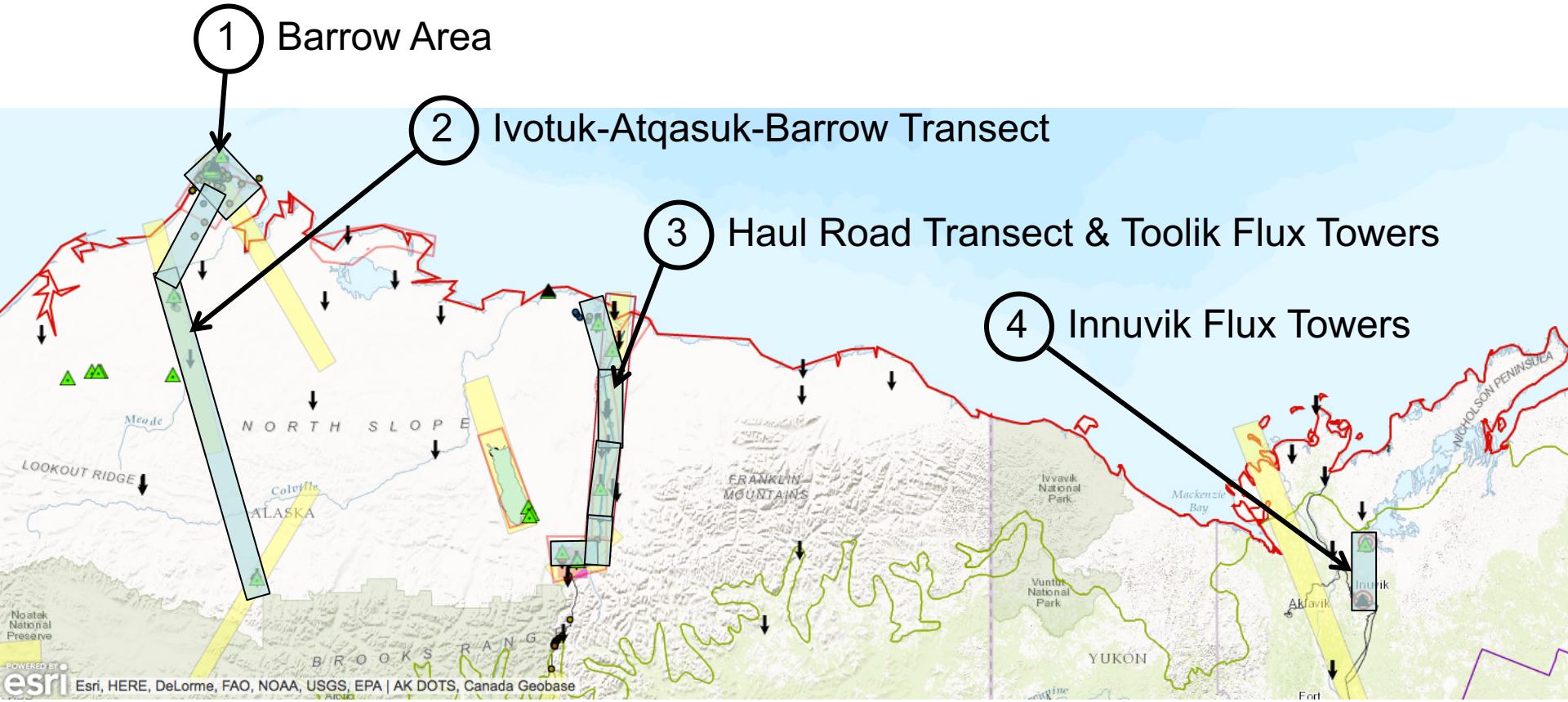
Requested Flight Lines for AVIRIS-NG

- Near growing season peak



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1. Map Plant Functional Types (PFT), carbon flux parameters, and albedo for tundra regions within the ABoVE domain from AVIRIS imagery
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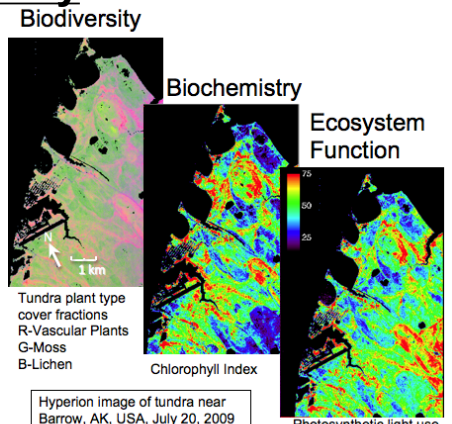
Sensor/Platform Summary

- AVIRIS NG data
- Commercial high spatial resolution satellite imagery (e.g. WV2, WV3)



Hyperion image of tundra near Barrow, AK, USA, July 20, 2009
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Preliminary study

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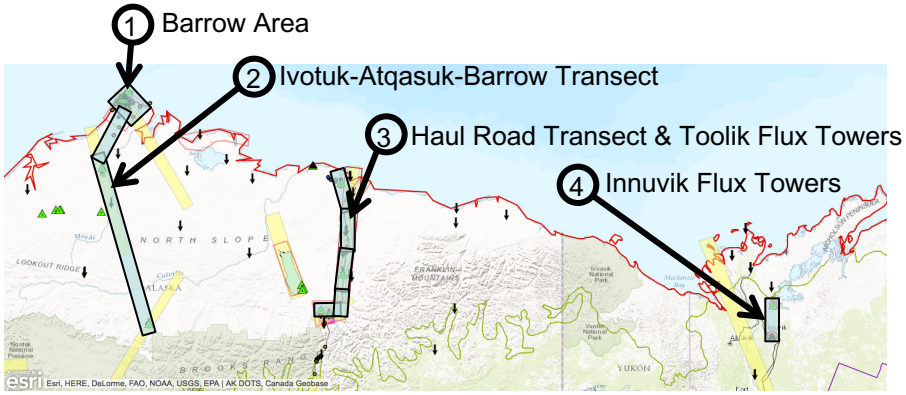
Flight Line/Ground Site/Timing Priorities

Priority flight lines over AK North Slope tundra - mid-summer



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